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## Dr. Truman B. Douglass Dies Of Heart Attack

The Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York, who in the past 25 years had profoundly affected the philosophy, practices, and organization of American Protestant churches, died late in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 27, following a heart attack. He was 67 years old.

Dr. Douglass was formerly executive vice-president of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the two-million member United Church of Christ. He was also a vice-president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and chairman of its Division of Christian Life and Mission. Dr. Douglass was a delegate to the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches and to the 1968 Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden.

Dr. Douglass was a dynamic and often controversial leader in American Protestantism. New forms of Christian mission were inspired and impelled by his genius and courage. His major concerns embraced life in the decaying inner cities, church unity, cooperation among churches in combatting social ills and the development of social ethics in mass communication.

A country boy, born in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1901 and brought up in California where his father was a minister, Dr. Douglass was an admirer and champion of cities and city dwellers, especially of New York City, where he lived for more than 25 years. He looked upon the church as the conscience of the city and the leader in improving city spiritual as well as material values.

In Dr. Douglass' passing, the church has lost an eloquent prophet.

Mrs. Douglass may be reached at 50 East Tenth Street, New York, N. Y. 10003.

There were no funeral services. Memorial services for Dr. Douglass were held on Sunday, June 1, 1969, at 11:00 a. m. at Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square, South, New York, and on Thursday, June 5, 1969, 4:00 p. m. at the Chapel of Union Theological

## Fire Destroys Lanett CC Church May 19, 1969



Fire of undetermined origin swept through the building of the Lanett Church on Monday night, May 19, 1969. Several thousand witnesses stood in mute silence, but with tear-glazed eyes as the 16-year-old building was enveloped in flames which took ten hours to extinguish.

Lanett Fire Chief Mack Sanders, red-eyed from all-night efforts, would make no statement concerning the fire other than that it was believed that it started near the attic area of the belfry or church steeple.

The Lanett Church building was dedicated in 1953. The initial cost of the church was \$150,000.00. However, in recent years there had been several expensive additions to the church, including air conditioning and English imported stained glass windows, custom designed for the church as memorials. A conservative estimate of the fire damage is \$250,000.00 or more.

The Rev. Mr. W. Walter Hall, pastor of the church, said Sunday services would be held at a place to be announced, probably one of the Lanett school plants.

The Rev. Mr. Hall and official members of the church board expressed their heart-felt thanks for the many offers of service during and following

Seminary, 120th Street and Broadway, New York.

Mrs. Douglass requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Truman B. Douglass Memorial Fund, 287 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York 10010.

the fire.

The Rev. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Hall both extended their appreciation to neighbors, church members, and many other Valleyans who offered the family their assistance.

The Rev. Mr. Hall said, "I will personally thank the fire departments of Lanett and West Point, other city officials, police and others whom we know did all they possibly could during this tragedy—the loss of the church. However, there are many persons who helped — volunteers, neighbors, and others — whom we can't reach except by this means, and to them we also say "Thank you."

According to witnesses, the fire alarm was telephoned from a neighboring house. Other witnesses said a passerby, Mrs. Randy Smoot, saw the smoke, stopped her car when she noticed cars in the church parking lot, and rushed to the basement and warned women of the church who were holding a bridal shower for a church member in the Fellowship Hall. Lanett firemen rushed to the scene and utilized a 1,000 gallon pumper truck and a 500-gallon pumper truck. West Point, Georgia, was called for aid and rushed firemen and volunteers and a 1,000-gallon pumper truck to the scene.

Several churchmen said they believed the rapidity of the spread of the flames was due to the belfry, or church steeple, acting like a chimney, sucking flames and air throughout the structure.

Plans are incomplete at present, but the congregation hopes to rebuild the church exactly as it was.





# Festival Of The Christian Home

(Privileges of a Christian Home)

"While many of us today take our Christian homes pretty much for granted, it is important to remember that not everyone is so privileged. There are many in our community and abroad who seek to be Christian in non-Christian homes. And there are hundreds of thousands who have no home, Christian or non-Christian, at all.

Many of the congregations and conferences of the United Church of Christ share in the support of the thirteen children's homes which are members of our Council for Health and Welfare Services. In addition to the 2,000 served annually through such residential care, there are hundreds of UCC families who have opened their homes to foster children, and there are scores of churches which provide a pre-school "home away from home" for children.

Overseas, too, homeless children are the church's concern. In Korea, Hong Kong, the Middle East, India, and Vietnam, the United Church Board for World Ministries is engaged in services to children. In addition to this general ministry of the United Church of Christ, some 250 children overseas are currently being sponsored through special giving of UCC church groups and individuals. Thus, the larger Christian family seeks to share the food and shelter, health and security, love and faith which we take for granted as benefits of the Christian home."

## Conference Minister Elected

At a special meeting of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, held at Union Church of Hinsdale on April 19, 1969, Dr. Erston M. Butterfield was elected Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Butterfield leaves his present position as president of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ and begins his new duties in Illinois on July 1, 1969.

Our congratulations to Dr. Butterfield. Many of us in the Southeast Conference remember him as the superintendent of the Southeast Convention some years ago.

# General Synod To Meet Peace Corps Workers Home In Birmingham

The biennial meeting of the two-million-member United Church of Christ will be held in Boston, Mass., June 25 through July 2.

The General Synod, seventh since the founding of the United Church in 1957 by union of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches, is the governing body of the denomination. Some 1,500 people, including 744 voting delegates, visitors, missionaries, staff and representatives of other denominations in the United States and overseas, are expected to attend the sessions at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

On the agenda will be controversial proposals for changes in the structure of the church as it was formalized in a constitution adopted just eight years ago.

The Fifth General Synod in 1965 ordered the establishment of a Committee on Structure to study the services and interrelationships of the church and make proposals for change. The proposals will not be presented as a plan for a final and ideal structure, but as the first of a series of structural reviews designed to keep the church flexible and open to change in a changing world, according to the Rev. Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, New York City, president of the United Church.

A successor to Dr. Herbster, who has served as chief executive since 1961, will be elected by the delegates. The leading candidates are the Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss, president of Lancaster (Pa.) Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Gray, pastor of the Church of Park Manor, Chicago, Ill.

Meeting in the historic cradle of the Congregational wing of the United Church of Christ, the Synod will join the Old South Church, Boston, in celebrating its tercentenary.

Senator Edward W. Brooke (R) Mass.) will speak at a special evening program at the church Sunday, June 29. President Herbster will preach at two morning worship services there.

The United States Ambassador to the United Nations, the Honorable Charles W. Yost, will address the Synod on Monday morning, June 30, at a session featuring the work of the denomination's Council for Christian Social Action.

The commitment of the United

Denine and Bob Foulks, daughter and son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Lawrence Johnson of Birmingham, arrived on March 28th from their two years in the Peace Corps in Afghanistan. They were very undernourished, having lived on a diet which consisted mainly of greasy rice.

One of the highlights of their time spent abroad was a vacation when they visited India, Pakistan, Nepal and Cambodia, including visits to Benares and the Taj Mahal. They were upset by the extreme starvation they saw in different parts of the world. They are also concerned about the image of the United States in Asia. People judge us on the basis of news reports, sixth rate motion pictures, and scurrilous literature. It was difficult to convey any other impression.

Dr. S. Lawrence Johnson is minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Church of Christ to work for a larger Protestant union will be expressed in a special program Friday, June 27, on the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union. Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, chairman of the Consultation, will address the delegates.

A Roman Catholic bishop, the Most Rev. Ernest J. Prideau of Manchester, New Hampshire, will deliver a lecture honoring the late Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, ecumenical leader, former dean of Harvard Divinity School, and observer at the Vatican Ecumenical Council for the International Congregational Council.

Also on the agenda will be the adoption of a budget, official reports of the officers and the national agencies of the church, and election of members to commissions, committees, and governing boards of the agencies.

Presiding officers of the Seventh General Synod will be the Rev. Dr. Gibson I. Daniels, minister of the Saugatuck Congregational Church, Westport, Connecticut, who is serving a two-year term as moderator of the United Church of Christ, and two assistant moderators, Mrs. Henry E. Hefty, Madison, Wisconsin, and Horace G. Ports, an attorney of York, Pennsylvania.





### Miss DeVillars To Have Busy Summer

Miss Dorothy DeVillars, who will serve on the Southeast Conference staff this summer, has had more requests for her ministry than she can possibly fill. Her varied talents mean that she will serve in many capacities throughout the Conference. Miss DeVillars' tentative schedule follows:

- June 15-21: On the staff of the Bi-Synod School, Boggs Academy, Keysville, Georgia
- June 22-27: On the staff of the Synod School of the Mid-South, Maryville, Tennessee
- June 27-29: First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
- June 30: Southeast Conference Office, Atlanta, Georgia
- July 6-11: Plymouth Church, Charleston, South Carolina
- July 11-13: Senior High Weekend, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Georgia
- July 13-17: Senior High Work-Study Conference, Dorchester Center
- July 20-26: Bethany Church, Thomasville, Georgia
- July 27 - August 2: Evergreen Church, Beachton, Georgia
- August 3-8: Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- August 10-16: Junior - Junior High Camps, Dorchester Center

Included in the above itinerary are Vacation Church Schools, teaching adults, youth and children in the Synod Schools, directing community service efforts of local churches, directing Camp and Conference programs. We look forward to Miss DeVillars' work among us.

## SYNOD SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP EDUCATION HELP

"The Teaching Church in a Changing World" will be the theme of two Synod Schools of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., one in Maryville, Tenn., and the other at Keysville, Georgia.

Believing that we can train leaders better together than separately, the Southeast Conference Commission on Christian Education and Youth Work is participating in planning and staffing both Synod Schools. It is hoped that many of our people will take advantage of these opportunities to upgrade both lay and pastoral leadership in our churches.

### Bi-Synod Leadership School

Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock and Miss Dorothy L. DeVillars will be among the staff members of the Bi-Synod Leadership School, to be held June 15-21 at Boggs Academy, Keysville, Ga., near Augusta. Classes include: Workshop Seminar for Pastors; Workshop Seminar for Congregational Leaders; Workshop on Designing Church Education for Children Under Six; Issues Facing Christian Educators; Interpreting the Bible Today; and Ways of Worship for New Forms of Mission.

Each morning convocation for the entire school will emphasize the significance of worship and mission in the church and their relation to the problems which face us in everyday life. Evening programs will provide opportunities for confrontation with the current questions facing the church. Total cost, including registration, room and board, is \$28.00. The school opens Sunday afternoon, June 15, and closes with Saturday lunch, June 21.

For further information contact the Southeast Conference office, or Rev. Perry Metz, P. O. Box 675, Charleston, S. C. 29402.

### Synod School Of Mid-South

The Synod School of the Mid-South is held on the campus of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. Participants are to arrive between 3 and 5 p. m. Sunday, June 22. The school closes with lunch on Friday, June 27.

Several of our U. C. C. people will serve on the staff: Mrs. F. W. Munson, Miss Dorothy L. DeVillars, Mrs. Jim Dollard, and Miss Yubenia Prigmore.

Classes include: Working with Nursery Children; Working with Kindergarten Children; The Teaching Church and Its Adults; Primary Outdoor Program; Junior Day Camp; Junior High Lab-Observation; Covenants in Faith and History; Man: Six Modern Interpretations; Changing Society, Tradition in the Making; Southern Churches in Crisis; Youth-Adult Seminar; Afro-American History, Teaching Teachers to Teach; Creative Communication; Reconciliation in a Broken World; Religious Drama Workshop; and Recreation Workshop.

In addition, everyone on campus is expected to participate in the Convocation, the theme of which will be "Communicating the Gospel."

Total fee for adults, including registration and room and board, is \$43.00. For children who have completed grades 1-6, the total fee is \$25.50.

For further information contact the Southeast Conference office or Rev. Haydn O. White, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee 37801.

## "The Great Wall" In A - V Library

A resource for the overseas study theme in 1969-70, "Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People", has been added to the Conference A-V Library in the form of a 73-frame sound filmstrip, "The Great Wall".

Prepared for use with adults and youth, "The Great Wall" has a four-fold purpose: 1. To help viewers appreciate some of China's cultural contributions; 2. To show why China distrusts the West; 3. To indicate some of the specific ways in which China today differs from old China; and, 4. To pro-

mote the feeling that political differences need not separate people completely — that there can be respect without agreement.

Since China seems well on the way to becoming a major world power, we need better to understand her people.

"The Great Wall" may be borrowed from the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.



# 1969 CAMP AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**TENNESSEE:** Camp Ozone is the site of resident camps and conferences for the Tennessee area. The 250-acre property is owned by St. Andrew and Nashville Presbyteries, but the 1969 program is under the direction of an interdenominational committee, including representatives from Union Presbytery and the United Church of Christ.

Camp facilities include a chapel, dining hall, bath house, four cabins, and several canvas shelters. Campers swim in the 15-acre lake and have access to thousands of acres of wilderness land for trips. The schedule at Camp Ozone follows:

JUNIOR I — July 13-18

JUNIOR HIGH I — July 20-25

JUNIOR II — July 27 - August 1

JUNIOR HIGH II — August 3-8

(Junior camps are for persons completing grades 4, 5, and 6)

(Junior High Camps are for persons completing grades 7, 8, and 9)

Cost for Camp Ozone events is \$32.50. Registration forms are available from the Southeast Conference office or from Rev. Paul McNeil, Ozone, Tenn. 37842. Completed forms should be mailed to Mr. McNeil. Appalachian Trail Conferences are also offered. See description elsewhere in this issue.

**ALABAMA:** Camp Anderson Creek will be used by the United Presbyterians and the United Church of Christ under a joint relationship which also includes planning and staffing. The camp is located 18 miles west of Athens in northern Alabama. Facilities include two concrete block buildings, with indoor showers and toilets, dining room, covered meeting and recreation space, and outdoor chapel. Campers swim in Anderson Creek, a wide body of water with a safe roped area for swimming. The Anderson Creek schedule follows:

JUNIOR I — July 20-26

JUNIOR HIGH I — July 27 August 2

JUNIOR II — August 3-9

JUNIOR HIGH II — August 10-16

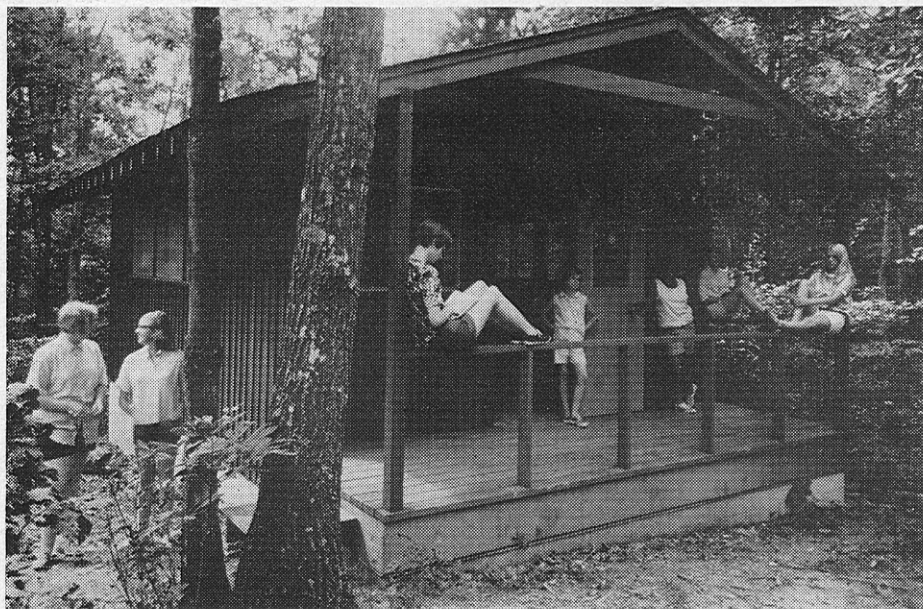
## SENIOR HIGH — AUGUST 17-23

Cost for Anderson Creek events is \$25.00. Register through Southeast Conference office.

**GEORGIA:** Camp and Conference events will be held at two locations, Dorchester Center and Roosevelt State Park.

**DORCHESTER CENTER** is at McIntosh, near Midway, about 30 miles south of Savannah. Campers are housed in a large brick building, rooms housing 3 to 5 campers. Meals are prepared in the dining hall except when campers elect to prepare theirs outdoors. Swimming is at nearby Ft. Stewart or at the beach.

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## Audio-Visuals On Camping

Although it is too late to begin plans for local church camping efforts this year, now is a good time to explore possibilities for 1970. Two filmstrips can aid a local church Committee on Christian Education to think through new dimensions in summer programming:

**Camping Is Ageless.** If your church people think camping is only for the young, this sound filmstrip is a must! It depicts senior citizens performing meaningful tasks and enjoying the great out-of-doors in opportunities provided by the church. Since more and more people are living longer, summer camping — even a day camp type of experience — is a real live option.

**Day Camping for Your Church.** Here is another audio-visual designed to help a local church committee think through the possibilities of day camping — on the church lawn, in a park, or on a farm. This filmstrip shows a junior age boy as he is guided into discovering the many interests a day camp can develop — learning, sharing, Christian values.

Both of these filmstrips are available for return postage by writing Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

## COCU Issues Guides For Local Church Union

Delegates to the 8th annual meeting of the Consultation on Church Union in Atlanta, Ga., March 17-20, approved guidelines to help local congregations coordinate — and even unite — their programs and memberships without waiting for national denominations to come to union agreements.

COCU seeks to unite nine major

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## Trail Conferences Offered

Two Appalachian Trail Conferences are offered for United Church of Christ and United Presbyterian Senior High and Post High youth. Dates for these conferences are: 1. August 3 to August 9, and 2. August 10 to August 15. Each conference will leave New Providence Church, Maryville, Tenn., at 1 p. m. on Sunday and return at 5 p. m. the following Friday. The maximum number in a group is 12.

Trail Conferences are for rugged young people. Hikers will travel from 6 to 12 miles each day to trail shelters, will prepare their own meals, and will engage in Bible study. All share in carrying supplies.

Cost is \$7 registration, plus balance on arrival of \$11, making a total of \$18. Registration must be made before July 21.

Since the United Presbyterians are taking the initiative in the Appalachian Trail Conferences, applications should be made with: Presbytery of Union, P. O. Box 12150, Knoxville, Tenn. 37912. Telephone: Area 615 687-1990.

## Camperships Given By Mayflower Circle

The Mayflower Circle of the Women's Fellowship, Central Church, Atlanta, has voted an amount of \$50 to make it possible for two young people to participate in the Program Aide training in camps and conferences of the Southeast Conference.

Such a generous gift is greatly appreciated by the Camp and Conference Committee.

Can a group in your church do something similar? \$25 will pay the expenses of a Program Aide at camp or the expenses of a child or young person who otherwise could not afford to attend. Please send contributions to Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Mark the checks, "Campership Fund."

## A Southern First

For what is believed to be the first time in history of the Southern Baptist Church, a predominantly white congregation has ordained and called a black minister as its pastor. The Rev. Ray Wolfe will serve the Hulbert Baptist Church in Hulbert, Mich.

## More Adults Needed In Camping Program

More interest has been evidenced in the summer camp and conference program for 1969 than has been noted for several years. From the inquiries coming into the Conference office, we should have a "bumper crop" of campers on all age levels.

Of course, registration will tell the final story, but it is quite possible that a "bumper crop" of responsible adults will be needed as counselors.

Not everyone should be a counselor, but consider the following qualifications and try to determine how you — or someone else from your church — fits into the picture:

1. Should be at least 21 years of age.
2. Should have a desire to relate creatively — neither as "boss" nor as floor-mat — with children or youth.
3. Should regard counseling as a 24-hour-a-day ministry, particularly with his small group, while he is in camp.
4. Should be willing to learn as the week progresses.
5. Will attend a training session some weeks before camp opens, and arrive at camp a day before the campers do, for on-site training.
6. Should see the camp and conference effort as a "growing edge" of his and his campers' Christian education.

Help our children and young people to mature in this "most important" week of the year. If you fit the picture and are willing to serve in this way for board and room only, the summer camping program needs you! Write for details to: Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.



## CAMP AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE . . . from page 4

The Dorchester Center events are:

SENIOR HIGH: Weekend Conference, Friday, July 11 - Sunday, July 13. Cost: \$12.00

SENIOR HIGH: Work Camp-Study Conference, July 13-19. Cost: \$15.00

JUNIOR CAMP: August 11-16. Cost: \$25.00

Register through the Southeast Conference Office.

ROOSEVELT STATE PARK is located at Pine Mountain, near Warm Springs.

We shall have use of the small group camp, where campers are housed in frame cottages with counselors in each. Meals are prepared in the dining hall, except when campers elect to prepare theirs outdoors. Swimming is in the lake on the property.

Roosevelt events are:

JUNIOR: August 11-16. Cost \$25.00

JUNIOR HIGH: August 11-16. Cost \$25.00

Register through the Southeast Conference Office.





Photo by Leon V. Kotod

## In the Near East what do your gifts for Our Christian World Mission do?

You help provide:

training for nurses in areas where there is  
presently only one nurse per 14,000 people

## What Your OCWM Gifts Do In The Near East — Where Your Money Goes

During 1969, the United Church Board for World Ministries has budgeted \$600,000 for work in the Near East. The largest amount of this, 64%, is earmarked for work in Turkey where we are the only United States Protestant denomination at work. Other amounts go toward cooperative work in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Jordan.

While the largest single amount in the budget, \$422,211, goes for educational work — we have always been convinced of the wisdom of investing in young people — 6% goes for church work, mainly theological education, 5% goes for communications, 10% for medical, and 9% for service work. Altogether, \$58,000 — in Jordan and Lebanon — is for refugee relief. At present we have 81 representatives in the field and 28 vacancies.

In addition to our three schools in Turkey — Izmir, Uskudar, and Tarsus — we also contribute to Gazientep Hospital, Talas Nute Clinic, and the Publication Department in Turkey; Aleppo College in Syria; the Near East School of Theology and the chaplaincy of American University of Beirut in Lebanon; the Near East Council of Churches; the Joint Committee for Refugees in Lebanon and Jordan; and the Joint Christian Committee for United Mission in Iraq.

Approximately 10% of the Board's 1969 budget of the United Church Board for World Ministries is invested in the Near East. This is a very important part of OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

## Show US\$ Where The Money Goes\$:

### IN EUROPE

For work throughout Europe, and specifically in Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, and Spain, the United Church Board for World Ministries has budgeted \$185,998 in 1969.

Some of this will go in token (\$500) amounts to Reformed Church bodies in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia through the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Other funds will help support a wide variety of programs, including \$18,659 to L'Accueil Fraternal, an Ecumenical Mission training center at Le Chambon, France; \$1,500 toward operation of the Hendrik Kraemer Haus, a Christian-Marxist Dialogue Center in Berlin; \$1,500 to the new Sparta Mani community development project in Greece; and \$37,253 toward Casa Mia in Naples, Italy.

This year the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is budgeting nearly \$200,000 for nonmetropolitan ministries. This includes some \$142,114 for nonmetropolitan people in poverty. Projects in area-wide planning for the total community, primarily in Maine and Vermont, are due to receive \$8,500. Our ecumenical work in nonmetropoli-

### Extend Your Horizons

### Read Your Church Magazines

## A Blackboard In Biafra

Stark hunger. Enough food for only a single meal every two days. No further comment is needed except to note the pervasive smell of dried fish in the storeroom of the food distribution station in Biafra which we have helped stock through our giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing - Share Our Substance appeal. These notes were found on a blackboard there:

"Red Cross distribution formula: Dried fish, one bag for 400 refugees. Salt, 4 lbs. (2 kilograms) for 100 refugees. Milk, 1 bag for 100 refugees a month (women and children only). Cereal, 1 bag for 100 refugees every two days. Egg powder, 20 lbs. for 500 refugees. Yams, 25 for 100 refugees every two days.

"Rules for church feeding centers:

1. Quantities for feeding
  - (a) All kwashiorkor cases (protein deficiency) children and adults;
  - (b) All other children under 11;
  - (c) Pregnant women and nursing mothers.

2. Preference should NEVER be given to members of any one church but to all persons who qualify under 1, above, whether church members or not.

3. Feeding should take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but no more often. This will always be subject to quantity of food available in the store.

4. Food must NEVER be given RAW. All food to be cooked before distribution and must be eaten on the spot. It must never be taken home.

5. Feeding must be finished by 9 a. m. by Divisional Officers in order to avoid air raids.

6. Food must be collected by the Feeding Centre Trustees. Weight bills of supplies issued should be publicly displayed."

Authoritative estimates indicate that while the starvation death rate is down from 6,000 a day at its peak to less than 500 a day now, 4,000,000 children, mothers, and old folks will need to be fed by the compassionate for a long time to come at a cost of 14c a person per day — \$210,000,000 per year in all. Protestants and Roman Catholics are still getting food into Biafra nightly despite the recent fall of the capitol.

tan areas from South Dakota to Pennsylvania total some \$4,500. Training projects for leaders in all these areas are due to receive \$33,500.



# HISTORY OF ANTIOCH CC CHURCH (United Church Of Christ)

Chambers County, Alabama

By Jesse H. Dollar

**Organization:** Though there are grave markers dated 1849 and 1850, Antioch Church was most likely constituted by the Rev. J. D. Elder in 1873 and received into membership in the Conference on October 4, 1873. When the church building was renovated in 1952, the date of 1869 was established, and hence we seem to be celebrating the 100th anniversary in 1969.

The seven charter members were Perry Brown, Henry Kitchens, Samuel Paxton, F. R. Roberts, Martha Brown, Mary A. Brown, and Elizabeth Roberts.

At the monthly services, a business meeting was held following the sermon, when those who violated rules of the church were tried. If they confessed their sins they were forgiven; if not, they were expelled.

## Pastors Who Served the Church:

J. D. Elder, J. L. Neese, C. M. Dollar, J. W. Elder, T. H. Elder, E. M. Carter, B. F. Young, G. D. Hunt, J. D. Dollar, A. R. Van Cleave, Staley Hunt, S. M. Penn, Charles Bell, A. C. Nelson, Roy Walker, Floyd Carmack, Winfred Walters, Jimmie Norred, Paul Pike, E. G. Clark.

**Church Buildings.** Originally, meetings were held under a bush arbor. First building erected in 1896, presumably. In 1952, this building was brick veneered and extensive renovation was made on the interior. In 1968, the women of the church sponsored erection of Sunday school rooms across the back of the building.

Memorial Day was established in 1901. From seven charter members the number increased to 85 during the years, and in 1928-32 the membership reported was 145.

Pastors received almost nothing for their services. In 1887 J. D. Elder received \$30.00 for the year. In 1898 a depression hit and the pastor received \$9.75. One year the salary of the minister consisted of a bushel of meal, some syrup, and a nice fat 'possum.

Though the church has never had much money, it has been a great influence and rendered service to the other churches of the community and

## Lay Life And Work Area Meetings Are Set

Eight area meetings, sponsored by the Commission on Lay Life and Work, will be held during June. "Being the Good News in a Broken World" is the common concern of these meetings, designed to help lay people come to grips with mediating Christ's gospel in day-to-day living in the midst of many evidences of brokenness: riots and depersonalization of the inner city, and the quiet desperation of suburban and rural areas.

Although pastors are urged to attend, the meetings are planned by lay people for lay people because of their constant involvement in business and social circles where their Christian faith is on trial. Content in each area will vary according to the needs felt by the coordinators, but the meetings are to be open-ended — that is, they are designed not to be "ends in themselves", but hopefully will involve participants in frequent gatherings to continue what these meetings will start.

It is hoped that each church will send a large delegation to the area meeting of your choice; but, since the dates vary, please make careful note of them.

### "BEING THE GOOD NEWS IN A BROKEN WORLD"

**June 14: Georgia-South Carolina**  
First Congregational Church, Atlanta  
10:00 a. m. - 4:00 p. m.

Coordinator: Miss Helen M. Toliver

**June 15: East Alabama**  
Southern Union State Junior College,  
Wadley, Alabama

2:00 p. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Coordinator: Dr. Walter A. Graham

**June 22: East Alabama**  
Phenix City, First Church

3:00 p. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Coordinators: Mr. Henry Cook, Mrs. Bill Hodnett

**June 22: South Alabama-N. W. Florida**  
Andalusia, Antioch Church

Conference.

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The above history was given by Dr. Dollar on the occasion of the 100th anniversary celebration on May 11, 1969. Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister, gave the sermon for this service, presided over by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Clark. Former pastors present were Roy Walker, A. R. Van Cleave, and Jimmie Norred.

## Concerning First Church

Phenix City, Alabama

The Rev. John E. Rhodes, pastor of First Church, Phenix City, Ala., reports that the Sunday morning service of worship will shift its time to 8:30 a. m., and that they will have a structured worship service in the evening that will be different from their usual evening service.

Varied activities are planned for the evenings. A panel discussion concerning discipline of children will be held on the first Sunday in June. The panel will consist of a local doctor, a school principal, and a juvenile judge. On the second Sunday in June there will be no evening service. On the third Sunday, members of the youth group of the church will be in charge. On the fourth Sunday there will be a Lay Life and Work Leadership Workshop. And on the fifth Sunday in June, the church will have a Sunday school picnic, with a vesper service held overlooking "Idle Hour Lake."

Mr. Rhodes also reports eight new members received since October. The revival for First Church is scheduled for the second week in June with Mr. Rhodes doing the preaching for the services. A Vacation Bible School is planned for the last week in June.

In addition to all of the above, Mr. Rhodes and his wife are planning to attend the Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders July 7-18, 1969, held at the West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

3:00 p. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Coordinators: Mr. Marvin Brand, Mr. Arthur Wallace

**June 22: Tennessee**

Sweetwater, First United Church

2:15 p. m. - 5:30 p. m.

Coordinator: Mr. Walter J. Mayotte

**June 22: Tennessee-North Alabama**

Belvidere, United Church of Christ

2:30 p. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Coordinator: Mr. W. R. Green Jr.

**June 22: Birmingham Area**

Pilgrim Church, Birmingham

4:00 p. m. - 6:00 p. m.

Coordinators: Mr. Rene Chetelat, Mr. Wilbur Hollins

**June 22: Central Alabama**

First Cong'l Church, Montgomery

3:00 p. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Coordinators: Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Powell



## "Nonmetropolitan" Sectors

"Nonmetropolitan" is the word which increasingly is being used to describe life in a large and important sector of American society. More comprehensive than "rural" or "town and country" yet related to both of these, nonmetropolitan refers to countryside, towns, and small cities beyond the standard metropolitan statistical areas as delineated in the last census.

The United Church of Christ, through its Board for Homeland Ministries, is related to four major concerns in this nonmetropolitan sector.

First, there are many nonmetropolitan people in poverty. Receiving financial support from Our Christian World Mission are such projects as our Indian reservation ministries in North and South Dakota, ministries to migrants in California and Texas, and ministries to the rural poor — black and white — in Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

A second concern is functional area-planning for total communities. Projects of this sort supported by the United Church of Christ are currently under way in Vermont, Maine, and Ohio.

Thirdly, we are concerned with ecumenical planning and action among denominations and local churches for more effective ministry. Here we are engaged in projects in South Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana.

Finally, leadership development for nonmetropolitan areas is a "must." Here the need is for clergy and laity not only trained to work within traditional church structures but also to serve as motivators and enablers for the accomplishment of secular tasks. ASSIST (A Seminary Student in Summer Training), support for land-grant campus schools for pastors in Colorado, Michigan, and West Virginia, and support of the Colorado School for Pastors at LaForet are important projects in which the United Church of Christ is participating.

Recent studies indicate that half the congregations of the United Church of Christ are located in communities of less than 10,000 population and thus share these four concerns.



## AND THE FLOODS CAME TO TURKEY

Last Christmas, the floods came to Tarsus, Turkey. Although the story of the involvement of the United Church Board for World Ministries in the Tarsus American College, a secondary school for boys, is largely one of service to youth and quality education which sets the pace for rapidly developing Turkey, the flood immediately extended the school's community outreach opportunity in relief and refugee work.

After many days of heavy rain the waters reached flood proportions on the afternoon of December 25. The Robert Tuckers, who teach at Tarsus but live away from the campus, were forced to move in with their landlord's family when the flood waters rose to three and one half feet in their first-floor apartment.

By the morning of December 26, villagers began appearing at the Tarsus College gate, not because they had been sent there, but because it was the first institution which they could reach on ground above the flood waters. By December 27, one hundred and fifty refugees were living on the school campus, which, fortunately, was able to accommodate them because of the students' holiday.

The college athletic field was used as a heliport by government officials, including Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel. Emergency grants from the United Church Board for World Ministries helped the school provide food and other relief supplies to supplement aid from the Turkish Red Crescent organization.

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American Protestant denominations into one church of more than 25 million members, "truly catholic, truly evangelical, and truly reformed."

Bishop James K. Mathews (Methodist) COCU chairman, called the guidelines "a valuable instrument to make ecumenism effective in countless areas across the country." Among the types of local interchurch cooperation recommended were the following:

- Joint programs in which two or more congregations or other local denominational units plan and operate portions of their ministry jointly.

- Joint staff in which congregations employ specialists in such subjects as counseling, education, music, or community service.

- Joint use of buildings to eliminate costly duplication of facilities with limited use, and to provide commonly held space for flexible usage.

The committee said the plans could involve not only COCU congregations, but also churches of other traditions, including Roman Catholic.

In working out a plan of union, COCU delegates will have to grapple with such thorny questions as:

... In order that the mission of the whole church may be served, should the title of church property be in the parish?

Dr. Ben M. Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ, said he was encouraged by the progress made by this year's meeting of the Consultation. He warned, however, that the United Church should not lose sight of the serious issues that must be faced before a formal plan of union can be submitted to the participating denominations.

Dr. Herbster said he was particularly concerned about such matters as the holding of church property, the way in which ministers shall be chosen and placed, where the decision-making power shall be lodged, and what provisions shall be made for the orderly continuance of the missionary programs of the churches.

Dr. Herbster also announced that the "Guidelines for Local Interchurch Action" would be distributed as soon as the executive committee of COCU releases the text for publication.